

Blessing of Hard Times.

There are at least two distinct ways in which we may recognize when business is first the man who is "on the job" and who is the same interest in his success as the man who is not. In the same game, such as baseball, tennis, or tennis. He is satisfied with his success, but he cannot always win. It is as well that he is always win, for then he might be a success in a business world. Success is bad for a man.

Then there is another type to whom business always brings distress and unhappiness, or to whom at least the distressing points of his life are most conspicuous. He thinks, perhaps, that it is hard luck that he should have to work at all; he thinks that people are much happier who do not have to work. He does not realize, of course, that success and a life of ease do not constitute the road to happiness. If he harked back to a few years ago when business was so good that he could not help making money, he would no doubt be surprised to find how very little happier he was than now when he is getting along with more difficulty. Besides, times like those of the war days did

not make strong men in any case; they did not put people on their mettle. It is the times we have been having for the past year or so that really put men on their mettle and strengthen their capacity for doing things. Someone has said that "1923 will reward fighters." Probably when he said that he did not fully comprehend all that the statement meant—that people must put not only their backs but their hearts into their work. And the reward will be two-fold—first, a strengthening of the faculty of ingenuity, and second, the practical certainty that the balance in the ledger for the fiscal year will be longer, on the right side.—Maritime Merchant.



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Among the Boxers.

WILLARD AND FIRPO WILL LIKE-
LY MEET ON JUNE 30.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Negotiations for a match between Jess Willard and Luis Angel Firpo on June 30, to take place probably at the Yankee Stadium, as a final step in the elimination process to select a challenger for Jack Dempsey's throne reached a stage of semi-completion yesterday. Willard and his manager, Ray Archer, accepted the challenge date for the match at a conference with Promoter Tex Rickard, while Jimmy De Forest, the South American's ring mentor, also put his stamp of approval of the preliminary plans. Discussion of financial terms was deferred until to-morrow at another conference between the principals and Rickard. Rickard and Johnson, and Jack McAuliffe, according to Rickard's plans, would be matched in a contest preliminary to a Willard-Firpo bout.

JOE BECKETT STOPS VETERAN

DICK SMITH IN THE 17th.
LONDON, May 14.—Joe Beckett tonight knocked out Dick Smith in the seventh round of a bout for the heavyweight championship of Great Britain.

It was another case of age against youth. Beckett started the fight by forcing Smith around the ring with the object of trying out the older man. There were those among the spectators who believed Smith would not be able to last ten rounds. Not only did Smith hold Beckett well in hand, however, but in the tenth set landed three terrific rights to Beckett's jaw and at the gong had him groggy.

Smith was fighting hard in the eleventh, but it was apparent he was fast tiring. He conserved his strength, however, and continued to hold his advantage throughout the fifteenth round. In the sixteenth Beckett began to force the pace. It was apparent that Smith was weakening and after a minutes' boxing in the seventeenth round, Beckett landed a right to the jaw and Smith went down for the count.

"FIRPO GRAT," SAYS TEX—"I AM,"
SAYS JESS—"ME SOCKA DA DEMP,"
SAYS LUIS—"COIN,"
SAYS KEARNS.

Tex Rickard.
"The exhibition of Luis Firpo, the South American wildman, convinced me that he will make a dangerous opponent for Jack Dempsey. He has a terrific punch and he showed that he can take a lot of punishment. While Willard's victory was a surprise to many, I knew that the champion still carried a powerful punch. That he did was well evidenced by the manner in which he handled Johnson."

Luis Angel Firpo.
"I won just as I expected to—by a knockout. And now I would like to fight with Jack Dempsey. McAuliffe put up a fine battle. He was fast and lively, but that did not bother me. I felt that I could beat him when I wanted to, and events proved I was right. I am glad to have been able to fight before such a big American crowd, and now I hope Dempsey will give me a chance at the title before another year has passed."

Jess Willard.
"Well, I guess I fooled some of the boys. I proved that I have come back. I am ready to meet any one selected for me and I am confident that I can go as far in the ring as I did before. My condition is good, and I am sound. My legs, the bugaboo that was the objective of criticism before the bout, caused me not the slightest trouble. Johnson is a hardy fighter, but I took what he had and seemed to survive rather well."

Jack Kearns.
"Both Firpo and Willard fought scraps. Johnson carried the fight and showed a fine attack, but he is not much of a puncher and, of course, he was handicapped in carrying a lot of weight. Willard did very well and there is no need to regard him as a 'has-been.' He stood up successfully under Johnson's onslaught. Firpo bears watching. He looks good. Dempsey is ready to box either the South American or Willard. When will he meet them? That is a question, but probably before long."



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Doctors, during the last year, or two, have had some great surprises. Indeed, their own discoveries have provided them with puzzles, several of which they have been unable to solve.

Perhaps the most astonishing of these is the effect of sunlight in feeding the human body. Even three years ago anyone who had suggested that so impalpable a quality as light could be a nourishing food would have been thought a suitable inmate for a lunatic asylum.

Substitute for Light.

Yet that light is such a food has now been proved. During the winter months, if we are to keep healthy, we must eat more fat either as butter or dripping, or in the form of cod liver oil. Fat, therefore, is a substitute for light. The Eskimos made this discovery long ago, and so, by eating "blubber," are able to live without the sun.

The idea that placing patients round an ordinary arc lamp, like hunters round a camp fire, would become a method of treatment was not dreamed of a few years ago.

Another great puzzle is the return of influenza every thirty-third week. This has been proved to occur, but nobody has the least idea why it should.

Even more astonishing still is the discovery of what is now called the "bacterophage." This, it has been suggested, is nothing less than a disease of disease, a germ which kills other germs in the same way as these are apt to kill human beings.

A more homely, but not an easier, modern problem concerns the reason why milk goes sour during a thunderstorm. Naturally, though there is no key to the mystery, it is being asked whether any of the germs of disease are affected in the same way. Are thunder seasons unhealthy seasons?

Hairs That Cause Illness.
Possibly if we could answer this question we might obtain some light on another mystery—why outbreaks of infectious disease often take place on ships which have been at sea too long for anyone to have caught the infection before sailing.

Again, everybody knows that there are people who cannot enter a room in which a cat is sitting. Just lately it has been found that a single hair from a cat rubbed on the skin of such a person may bring on an attack of asthma. And the same thing is true, in the cases of other people, of horse's hair and even of silk. A medical journal describes how a girl became ill every time she attempted to wear a silk blouse!

Broke Her Nose For Beauty Sake.

Changing the Features of Women to Improve Looks is the Latest and Cutest Fad.

PARIS, May 10.—Parisienne are going to such lengths to achieve beauty as quite to put in the shade the painful operation of "dimpling" (making a hole in the chin by means of a drugged needle).

Many women think nothing of having their noses broken and reset in a different shape. Others actually have the eyebrows moved upwards or downwards, as fancy dictates. This necessitates a complete removal of the hair and either a false and forced growth in a different position or make-up.

One beauty expert, who undertakes to change the form of a woman's lips, has performed many operations. His latest experiment is to make the upper lip turn up, giving it an alluring pout.

To do this he stretches a thin hair from the upper lip to the tip of the nose. This effect, naturally, is limited to actresses, who use it on the stage only.

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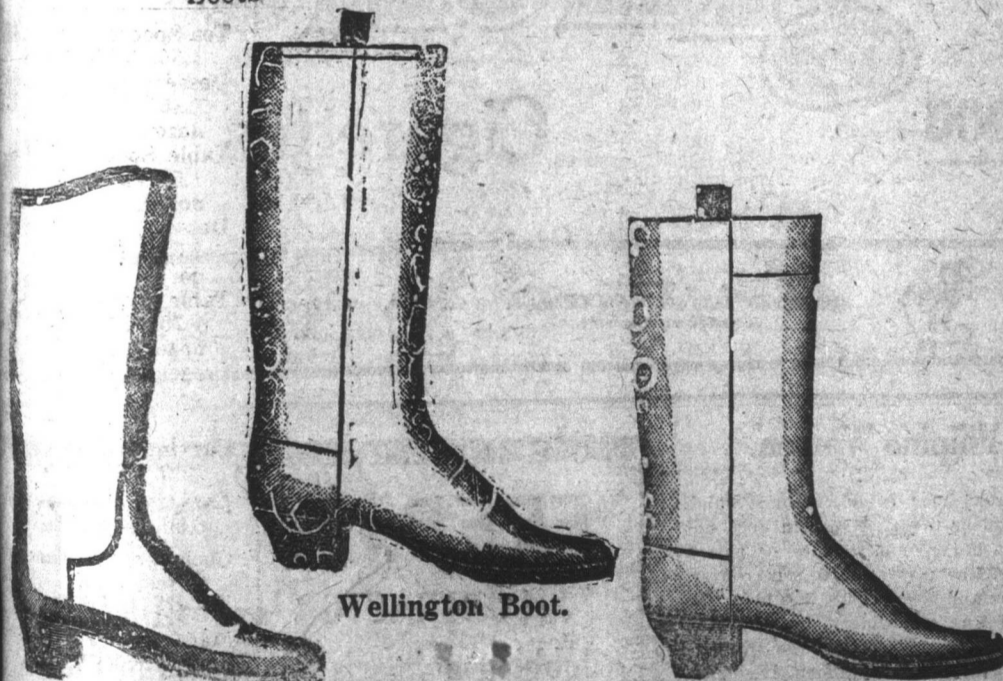
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